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A Word From Our President



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Lumelang Motsoelle,

First, I want to thank our members who continue to support our work and the board members for all the hours they have put in. I am pleased to report that Friends of Lesotho (FOL) continues to fulfill its mission to promote positive change and to assist the people of Lesotho.

I have been lucky enough to visit Lesotho twice in the last few months; once, for a short two-week visit in April and then a month-long service-learning trip with nearly 40 Wittenberg students and alumni. During my visits I was fortunate enough to meet several volunteers and learn about their projects. I also had the chance to better explain and promote the Tuition Assistant Program (TAP) as well as how FOL can support Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) projects through Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP). I learned that although Peace Corps Lesotho (PCL) is still filled with acronyms, I felt my age as I did not know what some of them stood for. Perhaps the most interesting question I had from a volunteer was whether they thought that their access to cellphones and the internet made their experience less authentic than volunteers who served during the days of snail mail. I found it a very intriguing question, but not one I could readily answer. During my April visit I also had the opportunity to get a tour of the new PCL office. It is very impressive. Lastly, I had the opportunity to chat with current Country Director (CD) Leon Kayego about how to better connect in-country volunteers and FOL.

Thanks to the generous support from the American School in Taipei and other donors, FOL has already provided nearly \$10,000 worth of TAP scholarships in the first half of 2019. This will allow over 50 deserving Basotho youth to attend high school this year. The scholarship money was requested by 13 volunteers across several districts in Lesotho.

On a personal note, the other non-profit I am associated with, the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (LNI) has shipped over 800,000 meals containing nutritional supplements. The project helps provide meals to over 3,500 children at 21 centers across the country (including 8 with PCVs) I am very pleased to announce that by working with PCVs, we have been able to expand our reach to four new centers. I am also delighted that two of my former students who travelled to Lesotho with me and served as student officers for LNI, Angela Galbraith and Justin Unternaher, will be part of next contingent of volunteers arriving in September.

I am pleased to report that our new free membership policy has led to an increase in FOL members, especially an increase in the number of Basotho living in Lesotho who have joined.

For those interested in learning more about the history of development in Lesotho, I would strongly encourage you to read RPCV John Aerni-Flessner's new book "Dreams for Lesotho." The book has drawn significant attention in Lesotho, so much so that King Letsie III requested that I bring him 10 copies.



Photo courtesy Nicole Potsane, RPCV

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Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Rosenberg
President, FOL
Honorary Consul, Kingdom of Lesotho





Phelisanong

Lesotho, southern Africa

Orphans, Disabled, HIV/AIDS & Vulnerable Children's Project

THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 2019

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

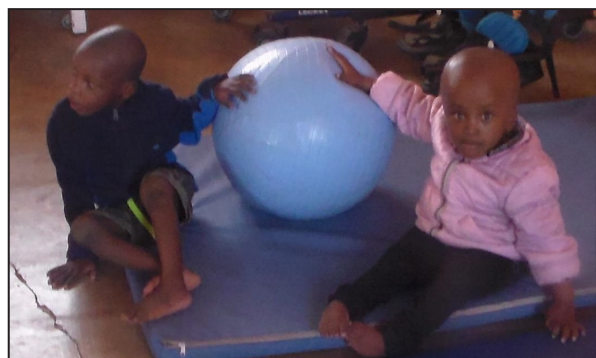
Under this program, we have improved this year by adding more residences, and not the buildings, but we are still using the same buildings, as a result this has made children's living conditions better (in rooms) unlike in the past when they used small space, as you are aware that we have severely disabled kids, they need space so that they can interact with each other.

Secondly, the equipment in Physio has been increased again, by our partner Jen who has visited us from Wales. We have admitted new severely disabled kids this year. Jen is going to train more staff members on her visit on hygiene and feeding. She will as well train teachers and house mothers. She had in the past trained parents on how to take care of their kids whilst at home. She has also authorized parents to be borrow equipment so that kids can use at home.

Moreover, we are getting impressed that Phelisanong is becoming one of the best Centres with quality service in Physio Therapy because Jen has become an Ambassador of Phelisanong for Lesotho Children. Our main challenge is support funding, and for Phelisanong to have permanent Physio Therapists who are at least qualified with relevant degree or diploma so that the work is sustainable even when she is at home in Wales. She also needs financial support on materials to use after the trainings in hygiene for house mothers.

Child Care Program has also improved with the implementation of new system where new caretakers trained this year seem to be more co-operative because the children used to spend most of their time in houses but now they are taken out to play. Besides

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Phelisanong Quarterly Report (continued from page 2)



menu at the kitchen has improved tremendously because most of the food being served was suggested from the training our matron has undergone. Phelisanong has employed a farm manager and that has changed our menu too because we have fresh vegetables from our own gardens and the poultry project is providing our children with eggs for better nutrition as well as providing money for day to day expenses. Besides general funding from R.C. GARNETT ELEMENTARY IN CANADA in the beginning of the year, we managed to buy toys, bikes and also gave a new look to our houses, which really have brought a positive change to lives of children who were lonely at the centre.

Moreover, Child Care Program wish to improve in many ways, by at least finding a Donor who can assist with salaries for a nurse or a doctor, who can visit the Centre on a weekly basis to assess the children, or a Funder who can build up a small clinic and buy medication and even employ qualified nurses to be at Phelisanong 24 hours a day, as we have multiple of disabilities and some of the children are living with HIV/AIDS virus, we also have children with Autism and Cerebral Palsy this year and they need medical attention. Finally Phelisanong Child Care Program is still in need of more volunteers who can train our staff members on the subject of helping severely disabled children (Celebral Palsy and Autism).

Phelisanong is willing to help a number children who are severely disabled, because Lesotho has a limited number of Centres like Phelisanong. We are really in need of support so that we can hire qualified personnel.

Education

Phelisanong has an integrated school, which provides educational facility for children from surrounding villages who are orphans and vulnerable. The school also provides for those children who needs special attention, therefore we have teachers who are qualified for the job though they are very few. We do not have a qualified Autism teacher. The school this year has improved a lot on the welfare of kids because there are lot of activities including sports going around. There is also a sign language teacher for the deaf. The centre is still in need of equipment in the special class.

The school is so grateful to world vision who have of donated toilets, hence improvement on hygiene.

Accounting

Phelisanong has few funders whom most of them are direct to their mandates only one funder so far has been general funder that makes hard for the centre in other problems to succeed, for example Phelisanong own fund of about R30,000 per month that goes to workers especially care workers and is not enough because you find that four care workers are taking care of seventeen children who are severely disabled that makes it hard to reach quality for the kids, unlike when most funders were general we could choose to provide more help. A large sum the care workers and other support staff are not on any funder's payroll which leaves us with a huge amount of money to pay for salaries. We usually try to pay these salaries from our income generating projects for eggs, animal rearing and the grinding mill but right now they contribute a little to the expenses such as salaries and other day to day expenses which are not funded because of their capacity. If we would increase the capacity of these projects it would greatly shoulder us where we have shortfalls. In an assessment report for Phelisanong done by the company VALE they pointed out that we have a high turnover of staff because of under paying our staff. The food costs have increased from last year and we are finding it hard to keep to the nutritious diet prescribed for our children, we find ourselves compromising to the situation by buying cheaper food that maybe of lesser quality for quantity.





RPCV's with King Letsie III During His April Visit to the US



From Left to Right: Byron Williams, Jon Beckerle, Matthew Merritt, Beth Pagan, King Letsie III, Joel Frushone

Submissions wanted!!

Help us create our awesome newsletter! We are looking for photographs, articles, news from the front, creative writing, reflections from your volunteer experience, travel essays, and anything else Lesotho-related.

Please send your submissions for the next FOL Newsletter to Tara Browne, tara.m.browne@gmail.com.

The next deadline is September 1st, 2019




Do you want to support Friends of Lesotho (FoL)? Check out these 3 easy fundraising ideas

Number One: Spring is the perfect time to clean up and clean out. It's also a great time for a **yard sale** where your junk will graduate to somebody's treasure! Send your proceeds to Friends of Lesotho, where they will be invested in worthy projects.

Number Two: You could also invite a few friends for a **simple meal** and maybe a movie. Any donations they'll make will be welcome by FoL, too.

Number Three: But maybe neither yard sale, nor cooking for others is your thing? Then why not observe a **Khotso Pula Nala** month, where every time it rains, you set aside a specific amount for the Khotso Pula Nala country (Lesotho)? It's a zero effort idea that will change the way you look at the weather...

Donations can be sent via the Paypal button on the FoL homepage, or by writing a check to Friends of Lesotho, 4110 Denfeld Ave., Kensington, MD 20895 



Village Life

Photos courtesy
Nicole Potsane, RPCV



Litaba tsa Lesotho (News from Lesotho)

Lesotho Cannabis Industry

In 2017, Lesotho became the first African country to legalise the growing of medical marijuana (cannabis) with high expectations for great economic benefits.

Speaking at a Cannabis Europa conference in London, Deputy Prime Minister Monyane Moleleki noted that Lesotho provides excellent conditions for the production of high quality medical cannabis.

Mr Moleleki said: “At a difficult time in southern Africa where economic growth is sluggish and climate change is causing hardship for the country, the emerging medical cannabis industry is a pragmatic and progressive solution to the challenges facing not only our own kingdom of Lesotho but in the region, the continent and the rest of the world.” “Innovation in agriculture and manufacturing sectors is among key priorities for the government of Lesotho. The creation of jobs is critical to our goal of eliminating inequality and eradicating poverty,” Mr Moleleki said. Read more about the cannabis industry in Lesotho at <http://lestimes.com/moleleki-talks-up-lesothos-cannabis-industry-development/> and <https://publiceyenews.com/spotlight-on-speculative-cannabis-license-holders/>

Loans secured for water and agricultural projects

Lesotho entered into loan agreements worth \$128 million with funds from the World Bank and the Government of Japan for a lowlands water project and an agricultural project in Maseru.

Part of the funding is for the second phase of Lesotho’s Lowlands Water Development Project which is meant to improve living standards and address water challenges for domestic and industrial use in Maputsoe and Hlotse. Surrounding areas such as Ha-Setene, Sebothoane, Ha-Lesiamo, Khanyane, Tsikoane, St Monica’s and Mpharane are also expected benefit from the project.

The project will construct a raw water intake on Hlotse River, construct a water treatment plant with the capacity of 25 million litres per day, construct a water pipe to transfer raw water to the treatment plant, construct a water transmission pipeline for treated water from Hlotse to Maputsoe, construct a water pumping station and a pipeline for pumping water into the water reservoirs in Maputsoe and Hlotse. The project will also construct the distribution network across Maputsoe and Hlotse.

Another portion of the funds is earmarked for the second phase of the Smallholder Agriculture Development Project (SADP II), which aims to improve and increase agricultural productivity in smallholder agriculture sector. The project is designed to help Lesotho increase the adoption of climate smart agricultural technologies and enhance the commercialisation of agriculture.

Read more at <http://lestimes.com/lesotho-signs-m1-89-billion-loan-agreements/> and <https://publiceyenews.com/m1-89-billion-boost-for-ailing-lesotho/>

Anthrax

An anthrax outbreak was discovered in Lesotho on May 12, and thus far 24 cattle have died. South Africa has banned the importation of live animals and related products from Lesotho. South Africa has offered to supply Lesotho with anthrax vaccine and personnel to help in administering the drug.

Anthrax is caused by a type of bacteria called bacillus anthracis which can be found in the soil and commonly affects domestic and wild animals around the world. Humans most commonly contract anthrax through contact with infected animals or animal products such as meat. The disease, which has been reported in Ha-Tseka, Ha-Au and Ha-Teko in Maseru, has also affected 24 people among them 11 children since it was first reported.

Lesotho Wool Centre (LWC) spokesperson, Manama Letsie, recently said they were stuck with M30 million worth of wool and mohair following the ban by South Africa.

Read more about the outbreaks causes and impact online at <http://lestimes.com/anthrax-fight-south-africa-steps-in/>

Stock Theft

Villagers that are part of a Semonkong self-policing committee recently went to the Koebung area and seized more than 1000 sheep, 50 cattle and other domestic animals which they claimed were stolen by Qacha’s Nek villagers from the Semonkong animal post in January this year.

Upon receiving reports of the incident the Lesotho Defence Force’s (LDF) 11 Infantry Battalion recently confiscated 14 firearms from more than 300 Semonkong villagers who were on their way from recovering their stolen livestock in the Koebung area of Qacha’s Nek.

The men reported that they just wanted to recover their animals that were stolen in January. The men from the villages were called for an emergency “peacemaking” meeting. Some animals were released to people who had documents that proved that they were

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indeed the rightful owners of the animals. The rest of the animals were taken to the Semonkong Police Station where their owners will identify them.

Stock theft is reportedly rampant in the area and the army has been inundated with calls to intervene. In the past three months the army seized about 2400 cattle. Many animals have been recovered in the Butha-Buthe and Qacha's Nek border areas.

Read more about the problem of stock theft online at <http://lestimes.com/ldf-confiscates-14-guns-from-semonkong-villagers/>

EU ambassador to Lesotho predicts another coalition government

In a recent interview the EU Ambassador to Lesotho, Christian Manahl, in response to a question regarding the dispute within the ABC party, the largest party in the governing coalition, noted that in order to implement any program you need a unified government, a unified coalition, which is capable to take courageous and important decisions. He said that internal power struggles impair this ability and he predicted that in the near future Lesotho will have another coalition government.

Read the interview online at <http://lestimes.com/eu-predicts-another-coalition-govt/>

Interview with U.S. Ambassador to Lesotho

In a recent interview, United States Ambassador to Lesotho Rebecca Gonzales, discussed various U.S. efforts in Lesotho. As part of the interview, she said that the commitment of more than 2600 American Peace Corps volunteers is one of the greatest and most impactful areas of our relationship. "When I speak to Basotho, so many of them recount stories about Peace Corps volunteers who made a difference in their life – as a teacher, as a friend, as a community member."

She noted that Lesotho qualifies for a Second MCC Compact depending on Lesotho meeting the criteria which includes initiating and implementing governance processes designed to ensure the deepening of democracy in the country. Specifically, Lesotho must continue purposefully on the path of reforms and political stability to avoid disruption or delay to this process. Areas of concern are respect for the rule of law and for independent institutions of accountability, increasing corruption and ongoing reports of police brutality.

During the interview it was also noted that under AGOA, Lesotho remains the second-ranked exporter of textiles to the United States. The AGOA legislation is in place through 2025. There are 6400 other approved product lines under AGOA that Basotho businesses, from small to large, can take advantage of and export successfully to the United States. Lesotho has comparative advantage in a number of areas, including horticulture, aquaculture, and agro-processing. The country's high altitude, excellent soil quality, and abundant water support commercial agriculture – like fruits, vegetables, flowers, cereals, and trout. In mining, the country holds promising resources and can add value by exporting these minerals as finished goods as opposed to raw materials. Lesotho can also expand the scale of handicrafts export and diversify the already strong textile sector into higher-value goods and with higher value materials.

Lesotho, like all other AGOA-eligible countries, must adhere to certain eligibility requirements including governance benchmarks established by the US Congress in order to benefit from AGOA's trade benefits. Commitment to human rights and the rule of law and efforts to fight corruption are all key to economic development and key to stability.

Read the full interview online at <http://lestimes.com/reforms-delay-could-be-catastrophic-usa/>

Court indicates Prime Minister Thabane has no power to fire ABC members

During a recent hearing, a judge of the High Court remarked that Prime Minister Thomas Thabane, leader of the All Basotho Convention (ABC), has no right to expel members of his party without ratification by the party's national executive committee (NEC). The NEC is vested with powers to suspend or expel the leader. Pressure to oust Dr. Thabane from office has increased with recent remarks by the leader of the Movement for Economic Change stating that he would not use his party's six seats to save

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Amazon donates a small percent of purchases made by Friends of Lesotho year round,
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Friends of Lesotho's Web page, <http://FriendsOfLesotho.org>

One extra click by you enables FOL to send hundreds of dollars of donations to Lesotho each year.



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Thabane from a parliamentary no confidence vote.

The ruling was made in response to an urgent court application to, among other things, nullify Thabane's purported expulsion of several high ranking members of the party's new NEC elected at its February 2019 elective conference.

The fight for the control of the ABC escalated on June 17, 2019 when Thabane convened an open air press conference to announce the expulsion from the party of deputy leader Professor Nqosa Mahao, secretary general Lebohang Hlaele, chairperson Samuel Rapapa, and deputy spokesman 'Matebatso Doti. Despite the group having earlier won a court case that upheld their election.

Read more about the party's disputes and the related court proceedings online at <http://lestimes.com/thabane-has-no-powers-to-fire-abc-members-judge/> and <http://lestimes.com/thabane-sued-for-contempt-of-court/>

Kamoli asks government to pay legal fees.

Lieutenant General Tlali Kamoli, who has been accused of murder, claims that he can no longer afford his legal costs and is pleading with the state to pay his legal costs. It has been speculated that his move is a ruse to delay trial in the hope that the Thabane coalition will collapse and a new government will free him and the other accused officers. The trial has now been re-scheduled to 26 and 27 August 2019. Read more online at <http://lestimes.com/kamoli-falls-on-hard-times/> and <http://lestimes.com/kamoli-accomplishes-accused-of-sabotaging-mahao-trial/>

PM urged to resign

Twenty All Basotho Convention (ABC) legislators including one Senator have urged their leader Thomas Thabane to resign as Prime Minister. The legislators also demanded that Thabane reinstate the "expelled" party's deputy leader, Professor Nqosa Mahao, secretary general Lebohang Hlaele, chairperson Samuel Rapapa and deputy spokesperson 'Matebatso Doti. The quartet was "expelled" for alleged insubordination stemming from its decision to continue holding countrywide rallies despite Dr Thabane's express orders not to do so.

Parliament was early this month adjourned indefinitely amid widespread speculation that this was done to stave off a vote of no confidence against Thabane by disgruntled members of his own ABC party and the opposition.

Selibe Mochoboroane, leader of the Movement for Economic Change (MEC) also indicated that it is time all political parties mobilised in parliament, in the courts and in the streets to push out the premier whom he said had clearly lost control of government.

<http://lestimes.com/pm-told-to-resign/> and <http://lestimes.com/thabane-must-go-now-mochoboroane/> and <http://lestimes.com/mahao-warns-thabane-of-imminent-ouster/>

Process to recruit new IEC bosses sparks a storm

On March 2019, the three commissioners of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) were ousted by the government, which refused to extend the contracts. Now the process for recruiting new commissioners is mired in controversy. Some candidates have complained that they have been denied the opportunity to interview and some are protesting the exclusion of the public and civic society in the recruitment process.

Read more regarding this topic online at <http://lestimes.com/process-to-recruit-new-iec-bosses-sparks-a-storm/>

Youths Protest

Young people have planned a protests against Prime Minister Thomas Thabane's government over a host of issues. The youths say the government is spending too much on senior officials at the expense of the education sector while it has also failed to create employment. Read more about the youths' concerns online at <http://lestimes.com/thabane-faces-angry-youths/>

Hunger stalks Mohale's Hoek

Villagers in Mesitsaneng are facing starvation following a poor rain season. Potable water for domestic use was also scarce because of a receding water table. Villagers said they take their livestock to South African and pay M50 per head per month for them to graze. Read more at <https://publiceyenews.com/hunger-stalks-mohales-hoek/>

BNP members sue party

Seven members of the Basotho National Party (BNP) have petitioned the High Court to stop the party from holding an Annual General Conference (AGC) next week. They contend the AGC if it goes ahead would be in breach of the party's constitution.

Concerns have been raised about notice. Read more at <https://publiceyenews.com/bnp-members-sue-party/>

ABC special conference on course

Despite infighting, ABC is going forward with a special conference to discuss problems in the ruling party.

Read more at <https://publiceyenews.com/abc-special-conference-on-course/> 



Ways to Support FOL

HELP FOL WITH YOUR EXPERTISE AND TIME

Board Service

- ◆ If you've always wondered how you could give a little more than your annual dues, now is the chance to volunteer your time, special skills, and enthusiasm. The members of the Board of Directors of Friends of Lesotho are elected based on their ability and willingness to contribute to the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives.
- ◆ Directors are members in good standing who are elected on their ability and willingness to support the purpose of FOL
- ◆ Nominations are welcome year round
- ◆ Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in October
- ◆ Directors serve for two-year terms

Committees and Task Forces

- ◆ FOL members who do not wish to make a long-term commitment to the board are encouraged to:
- ◆ Join standing committees, or
- ◆ Work on special projects which match their skills and interests to the needs of the organization
- ◆ There are also committees and task forces that help carry out the Board work. These committees include Donation Distribution, Membership, Fundraising and Board Nominations & Development.
- ◆ Check out the [Board Information](#) page. Also, for a summary of the expected level of commitment see the [Board and Committee description of work](#). If you're interested in application or nomination, please complete the [Nominating Form](#) and email it to the address shown within the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

ATTEND FOL MEETINGS

Board Meetings

- ◆ Meetings are held at 8pm Eastern on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. Minutes are posted about one week after each meeting.
- ◆ Meetings are open to all FOL members, please contact [John Hollister](#) for call-in information.

FOL Annual Meeting

- ◆ Scheduled close to Moshoeshoe Day in March, via teleconference, more information to follow on our website. Be on the lookout for your 2018 FOL Annual Report posted on our website following the Annual Meeting.





Be an FOL Member for FREE!

Aparna Jayaraman, RPCV Education, 2011-13, aparnaay@gmail.com

Hello, Bakhotsi! Your friendly FOL Membership Committee Chair Aparna here.

As mentioned in the last FOL newsletter, Friends of Lesotho stopped collecting the mandatory \$15 yearly membership dues starting in January 2017.

What do FOL's free dues mean for you?

If you're currently a member of Friends of Lesotho:

You don't have to do anything. Your membership automatically renewed.

If you used to be a member but are no longer a member:

Take two minutes to fill out the updated [membership form online](#).

If you've never been a member:

What are you waiting for? There's never been a better time to start getting involved!

With membership fees in the rear view mirror, we need your help more than ever to continue doing the amazing work Friends of Lesotho does in Lesotho.

Amazon will donate money to Friends of Lesotho when you shop. Join Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and add Friends of Lesotho as a beneficiary. Remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop on-line.

Get involved with one of the many committees in FOL.

Donate generously to our many projects, using the [form online](#).

And Remember :

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- ◆ HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Orphanages
- ◆ Tuition Assistance including Memorial Scholarships
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- ◆ Peace Corps Volunteer Projects
- ◆ Community Development Projects
- ◆ Other types of projects as new opportunities arise

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Submit Newsletter Articles—Pass on RPCV updates. Recommend a Mt. Kingdom movie, music, book or Website. Share new or old photos. Been to Lesotho lately? Share it!

Submit articles, photos, or information of interest to our members to:
Tara Browne, FOL Newsletter Coordinator tara.m.browne@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

Friends of Lesotho - 2019 Treasurer's Summary for Board:			July 21, 2019
	<i>most recent activity:</i>		
<i>(Jan-2019 = Start of CY Accounts)</i>	<u>5/8/19</u>	<u>7/5/19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Bank Balance (checking (1)):	\$2,417.18	\$10,763.65	\$8,346.47
Current Bank Balance (savings (2)):	\$25,954.45	\$21,770.05	-\$4,184.40
Total (both accounts excluding Paypal pending)	\$28,371.63	\$32,533.70	\$4,162.07
<i>Interest Earned CY to Date (incl. above)</i>	\$43.05	\$58.65	\$15.60
<i>Notes: 1) Min checking balance of \$2000 needed to avoid monthly fees, 2) Min Savings balance of \$5000 needed to earn interest.</i>			
2019 General / Project Fund Status:			
Total of all donations designated for projects listed below. See Membership/Donations Committee report for further breakout.			
Note - This amount reflects operating/project breakout assumed when deposits are made. These assumptions will occasionally be reconciled per donor listings provided by the Membership Committee.			
	<u>Amount in</u>	<u>Amount sent</u>	<u>Amount Pending</u>
	<u>Fund (1)</u>	<u>to Lesotho</u>	<u>Future Disbursement</u>
Start Calendar Year (after EOY memb. db reconcile adjust) =	\$13,453.74		
Donations received year to date (1) =	\$28,516.00		
Totals	\$41,969.74	\$41,546.87	\$422.87
<i>Total difference from Prior report:</i>	<i>\$22,796.00</i>	<i>\$18,631.87</i>	<i>\$4,164.13</i>
<i>Notes - 1) starting 2014, all online collection fees from Just Give/Razoo or wire transfer fees are covered by operating fund.</i>			
<i>Note - By default, a negative fund balance above only means some fund expenses were covered by positive balances in other fund(s).</i>			
(2) Breakout project cash sent (all fees under operating):		\$41,546.87	= Total below
Leratong Comm Ctr via Springfield Rotary Foundation - ck 179	1/25/19	\$2,850.00	PCPP total breakout:
Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - wire	2/25/19	\$3,000.00	\$17,931.87
Mankoe Lebisa (Lend a Hand) - wire	2/25/19	\$4,000.00	
Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - wire	2/25/19	\$1,900.00	
Ret'd Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - wire failed	3/12/19	-\$3,000.00	Lesotho Postbank needed
<i>Ref - exchange/fee loss for returned wire entered in operating expe.</i>	<i>3/12/19</i>		<i>\$188.11 from operating</i>
Ret'd Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - wire failed	3/12/19	-\$1,900.00	an Intermediary Bank
<i>Ref - exchange/fee loss for returned wire entered in operating expe.</i>	<i>3/12/19</i>		<i>\$118.37 from operating</i>
Snake Park General Dealer (Outdoor Center) - 2nd try wire	4/3/19	\$3,000.00	
Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (LNI) via Scott R.	4/14/19	\$3,000.00	
Mahala Secondary School (water supply) - 2nd try wire	4/22/19	\$1,900.00	
Ha Ramoloi Chicken Project - wire	4/22/19	\$4,365.00	
Lord's New Church - High School Furnishings Project - ck182	4/23/19	\$3,800.00	
Wittenburg U. Lesotho Projects via Scott R. - ck184	5/23/19	\$700.00	
PCPP - 2 projects: Combined School Classroom, Botha Bothe Water	5/29/19	\$2,000.00	
PCPP - 11 projects: TAP - ACH	6/10/19	\$7,816.57	
PCPP - 8 projects: TAP - ACH	6/13/19	\$5,514.37	
PCPP - 2 projects: TAP - ACH	6/20/19	\$1,925.93	
PCPP - 2 projects: TAP - ACH	6/27/19	\$675.00	
2019 Operating Expense Status:			
Current Cash in Accounts (as above, excluding Paypal pending):		\$32,533.70	
Subtract out:			
General / Project Fund (per above)		-\$422.87	
Life Membership Fund (reserve)		-\$23,320.68	
Available Operating Reserve =		\$8,790.15	
Unused Expenses in 2019 Budget -		\$4,696.07	
Current Cash Reserve (after budget) =		\$4,094.08	excludes unspent budget
(Total operating cash expenses):		\$778.93	
(Total operating inkind expenses to date):		\$7.90	operating expenses only



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